

Elmhurst Center Must Relocate

The proposed private boarding school that hopes to open in Bath next fall is forcing the Elmhurst Training Center for mentally retarded children to find new home.

Officials of the Bath-Brunswick Regional Association for Retarded Children have been notified that they must vacate the cottage they are using on the Hyde Estate in June.

The association has been using a cottage on the grounds of the Pine Tree Society-owned facilities in Bath since February of 1960 as a training school.

Some 30 youngsters now attend classes at the school for three hours daily. They come from Bath

and the area towns and east to Wiscasset and Damariscotta and six also attend from the Brunswick-Topsham region.

The Pine Tree Society has notified Elmhurst that the entire Hyde estate, including the training center school, is being sold to the development group planning on creating a boys boarding school in Bath.

Mrs. Edward Sewall, Jr., has been named chairman of a building committee that is seeking alternative sites for the training center.

Mrs. Sewall said today her panel hopes to relocate in Bath, be-

cause of its central location.

She said the committee is considering the possibility of finding an existing building that is suitable to the needs of the school as well as the possibility that new construction may be required.

If the latter is necessary, she pointed out that federal Hill-Burton funds are expected to become available to pay 58 percent of the cost.

Among the properties being considered by the association is the former recreation center at Hyde Park, which is used by the city for storage of civil defense and welfare department materials.